



PARCC Governing Board Meets, Discusses PARCC Progress

WASHINGTON - March 28, 2013 - The Governing Board of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) met on March 20, 2013. The board meets quarterly to make major policy and operational decisions on behalf of the PARCC consortium related to the overall design of the assessment system, PARCC's procurement strategy and other significant issues.

The PARCC consortium is made up of 21 states and the District of Columbia. Nineteen of those states have committed to participate only in PARCC and administer the assessments in the 2014-2015 school year. The K-12 chief state school officers from those 19 states serve on the Governing Board. The March 20 meeting included an open, public session and an executive session.

This meeting was an opportunity for the Governing Board to discuss PARCC's progress on the highest priority development activities to ensure successful test administration in 2014-15. The Governing Board discussed item development progress, technology platform development, research and field testing and communications activities.

The next PARCC Governing Board meeting is scheduled for June 26 in the Washington, DC metro area at a site yet to be determined.

The June 26 meeting will include a joint session of the Governing Board and PARCC's Advisory Committee on College and Career Readiness. A vote to approve grade- and content-specific performance level descriptors will be made in the joint session and the Governing Board will vote to approve the full accommodations manual.

For more information, visit <http://www.parcconline.org> or follow the consortium on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/PARCCPlace>.

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PARCC is an alliance of states working together to develop common assessments serving nearly 24 million students. PARCC's work is funded through a four-year, \$185 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Partners include over 700 higher education institutions and systems representing hundreds of campuses across the country that will help develop the high school component of the new assessment - and then put it to good use as an indicator of student readiness. PARCC is led by its member states and managed by Achieve, a non-profit group with a 17-year track record of working with states to improve student achievement by aligning K-12 education policies with the expectations of employers and the postsecondary community. PARCC's ultimate goal is to make sure all students graduate from high school college- and career-ready. For more information, visit www.parcconline.org.

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